

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 2 are presently active in this case, Claims 1 and 2 having been amended by way of the present Amendment.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1 and 2 were objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(a). The various instances of the use of the article "a" that were identified as being improper have been corrected by deleting the article. Additionally, the phrase "the check valve" objected to in Claim 1 has been changed to "a check valve." Furthermore, the phrase "the discharge valve" objected to in Claim 2 has been changed to "a discharge valve." Accordingly, the Applicants request the withdrawal of the objection to Claims 1 and 2.

Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention, and under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 2 has been amended to clarify the claim in conformity with the disclosure. The phrase "provided with a high pressure air recovery check valve" has been removed from lines 16-17 of Claim 2. Accordingly, the Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejections of Claim 2.


As all of the objections and rejections of the claims have been overcome as noted above, the Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

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Consequently, in view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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